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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §41.37

Sir:

In a communication mailed February 2, 2009, a reply to which is due March 2, 2009, it has been determined that the Appeal Brief filed on December 9, 2008 is defective for the following reason:

"1. The grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal should not list claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, and 15 since these claims are not part of the appeal."

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In response to this Notice, attached is a replacement sheet for page 13 of the Appeal Brief filed on December 9, 2008. This replacement sheet corresponds to Section VI of the Appeal Brief.

As indicated in the Notice, Applicant need only submit the defective section of the Appeal Brief; an entire new brief is not required. Therefore, Applicant believes that the replacement sheet is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief.

It is respectfully submitted that no fee is occasioned by this submission. However, if a fee is required, an authorization to charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 24-0037 is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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